

ABSTRACT

1 An apparatus for washing items comprises a generally
2 cylindrical mesh housing; a first wall and a second wall,
3 said first wall and said second wall being positioned
4 within said housing so as to define first, second and
5 third compartments in said housing; an opening in each of
6 said compartments through which an item to be washed can
7 be placed in or removed from a respective compartment;
8 and a closure device for closing said compartments to
9 retain said items in said compartments when said items
10 are being washed. The first wall and said second wall
11 may each comprise an endless pocket and a stiffener
12 disposed within said pocket. A polymer loop may be used
13 to stiffen said first wall and said second wall. A method
14 of using the apparatus to wash various items, including
15 those of delicate fabrics.